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2012 US Army, Pacific Army Week Message

This week marks the 237th birthday of America's Army. Born on Lexington Green, our Army's heritage is that of the Nation. For over 237 years our Soldiers, Families, and Army Civilians have defended America with courage and honor, and I am proud to say that this generation carries on that tradition in splendid fashion.

Pacific Army Week celebrates our profession's legacy of service to the Nation. This year's theme, "Strength in the Pacific – Soldiers, Families and Civilians," reflects our core belief that people are our Army's most precious resource. Our Soldiers, Family Members, and Civilians are unequalled; and it is my privilege to serve with each of you.

I encourage everyone throughout the theater to take advantage of the many opportunities this week has to offer. From athletic competitions, to the Army Birthday Celebration, to polo on Palm Circle – get out, get involved, and create lasting memories with your Families and friends. We look forward to the year ahead, and the opportunities and experiences it will bring.

Jeannine and I, with Vira and Command Sergeant Major Leota, would also like to convey our personal gratitude to our local communities in Alaska, American Samoa, Guam, Hawaii, Japan, Korea, and Washington State; as well as to our friends and partners throughout the region for their impressive dedication and support. Thank you for being an integral part of the US Army, Pacific team!

Happy 237th Birthday, United States Army!

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Frank M. Leota".

Frank M. Leota
Command Sergeant Major, US Army

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Francis J. Wiercinski".

Francis J. Wiercinski
Lieutenant General, US Army
Commanding